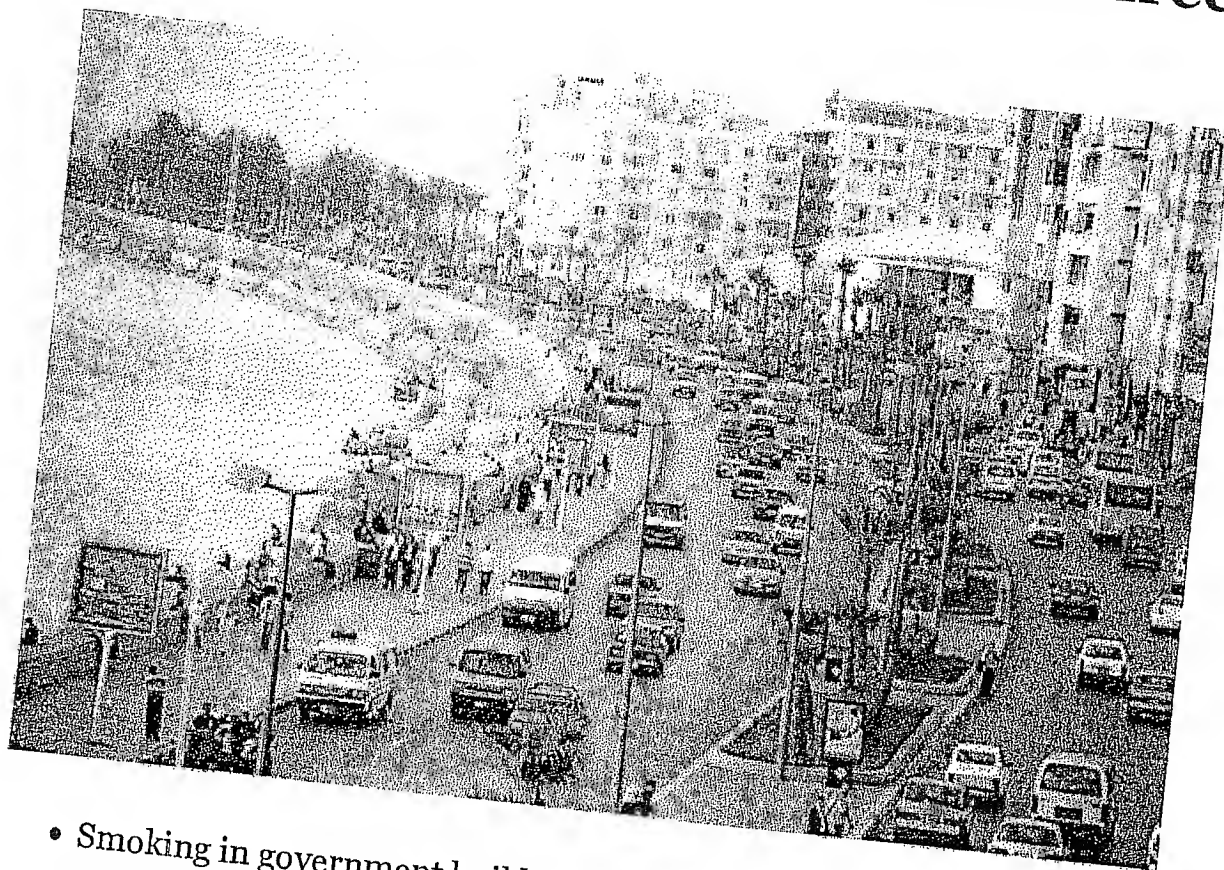


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Alexandria is Egypt's first smoke-free city.



- Smoking in government buildings and public spaces in Alexandria has been banned since 2007, but new rules and regulations will more strictly enforce this policy. The ban will soon be extended to cafes.
- Despite the popularity of smoking, officials recognize the serious public health risk it imposes and are taking measures to raise public awareness about the dangers of smoking with new ad campaigns.

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- To further deter Egyptians from smoking, the government has levied a 40 percent tax on cigarettes.



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